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Napolitano Highlights DHS Accomplishments in 2011

Department of Homeland Security Secretary **Janet Napolitano** recently noted the major steps the department took in 2011 to strengthen the nation's safety and security.

"This year, as we observed the 10th anniversary of the attacks that gave rise to our department, we continued to strengthen the safety, security, and resilience of our nation," Secretary Napolitano said.

"As we move into 2012, we will continue to work together with our federal, state, local, tribal and private sector partners to address new and emerging challenges while maturing and strengthening the homeland security enterprise."

Among the highlights:

- To prevent terrorism and enhance security, DHS continued to

collaborate with international partners, forging agreements focused on strengthening aviation security, facilitating information-sharing, and securing the global supply chain. The department also began new risk-based security measures through pre-screening of passengers, deployment of new technologies, and training of airport security and law enforcement personnel to better detect behaviors associated with terrorism.

- To secure and manage our borders, DHS deployed historic levels of personnel, technology, and resources to our borders to reduce the flow of illicit drugs, cash, and weapons, expedite legal trade and travel through trusted traveler and trader initiatives. Border patrol apprehensions—a key indicator of illegal im-

migration—have decreased 53 percent in the last three years and are less than 20 percent of what they were at their peak.

- To enforce and administer our immigration laws, DHS removed more criminal aliens from the country than any year in the agency's history. It highlighted the department's commitment to focusing on threats to public safety, repeat immigration law violators, recent border entrants, and immigration fugitives while continuing to strengthen oversight of the nation's immigration detention system and facilitate legal immigration.

- To safeguard and secure cyberspace, DHS responded to more than 100,000 incident reports and released more than 5,000 cybersecurity alerts and information products, worked to combat electronic crimes such as identity theft, network intrusions and a range of financial crimes, launched law enforcement operations targeting those who prey on children online, and released the *Blueprint for a Secure Cyber Future: The Cybersecurity Strategy for the Homeland Security Enterprise*.

- To ensure resilience to disasters, DHS trained thousands of local, state and tribal responders; released the country's first-ever National Preparedness Goal, which identifies the core capabilities necessary to achieve preparedness; and awarded more than \$2.1 billion in federal preparedness grants.

- To mature and strengthen the homeland security enterprise, DHS met its veterans hiring goal of 50,000 employees, with veterans



Janet Napolitano



KYEM

NIMS Compliance and Training Officer Tom Arnold (seated) and Exercise and Evaluation Program Coordinator Lisa Mills discuss KOHS activities at the Governor's Emergency Management Workshop and Energy Summit in Louisville.

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New Appointees to Kentucky Law Enforcement Council

Three officers representing law enforcement training academies have been appointed to serve in new roles on the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

In October, Gov. **Steve Beshear** signed an executive order adding the agency heads of three training academies: the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training, Lexington Division of Police and Louisville Metro Police Department. The Kentucky State Police, the state's fourth and only remaining law enforcement academy, is already represented.

"This move ensures that the entities charged with developing the standards for all law enforcement and peace officers in the Commonwealth are working hand in hand with the agencies responsible for training those officers," Beshear said.

The council governs training for all of the state's law enforcement. It is charged with certifying and approv-

ing law enforcement training schools, training instructors and curriculum, as well as administering the Peace Officer Professional Standards certification process and monitoring the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund.

The three agency heads each have designated individuals to represent them on the council. The new members who were named from the individual agencies are:

Department of Criminal Justice Training Operations Division Director **Charles Melville** has served DOCJT since 2005 and was appointed director in 2008.

Lexington Division of Police Commander **Lawrence Weathers**, a veteran of nearly 23 years, joined the training academy in March after serving as commander of the Bureau of Patrol.

Louisville Metro Police Deputy Chief **Vince Robison**, a 24-year veteran, represents the largest police

agency in Kentucky,

Other membership changes:

In addition to the newly-appointed agency representatives, two other members recently were appointed to fill positions on the council. Anderson County Sheriff **Troy Young** will serve as a representative of Kentucky's sheriffs. Young was appointed by Gov. Beshear.

Rowan County Sheriff Chief Deputy **Joseph Cline** also will join the council, representing and appointed by the Kentucky Police Chiefs Association. Cline has served the sheriff's office for nearly four years, following his retirement as chief of the Morehead State University Police Department.



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KOHS Executive Director Gene Kiser presents a plaque to Laurel Wood as memento of her 2 1/2 years as a homeland security grant manager. Wood left KOHS for a crisis management position with the University of Kentucky Police Department. Also in the photo are Holly Downey, Susan Wilkerson, Jason Childers, Michelle Beeler and Pat Gill.



Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Kentucky State Police Intelligence
 FBI Louisville Division
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
 U.S. Secret Service
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
 Lexington Division of Police
 Kentucky Department of Corrections
 Kentucky Army National Guard
 U.S. Coast Guard
 Kentucky Fire Commission

Doctor Pleads Guilty to Illegally Dispensing Pills

A former Paintsville doctor admitted in federal court that he unlawfully dispensed approximately 50,000 prescription pills to individuals in Eastern Kentucky.

Dr. **Richard Albert**, 64, pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Dec. 12 to conspiring to distribute and dispense controlled substances. Albert also



agreed to forfeit more than \$500,000, which represents proceeds from his conspiracy.

U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky **Kerry B. Harvey**; **Robert L. Corso**, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; and Kentucky Attorney General **Jack Conway** jointly announced the plea.

The investigation was conducted by the DEA, the state Attorney General's Office and the Paintsville

Police Department.

Albert will appear in federal court in Pikeville for sentencing on April 18. He faces a maximum of 20 years in prison.



KSP

The Kentucky State Police's "Cram the Cruiser" campaign collected 50,168 pounds of food for distribution to local shelters, churches and other organizations serving those in need during the holiday season. KSP Post 10 in Harlan, with assistance from the Barbourville Police Department and Harlan County school system, led the way with 14,436 pounds of food.

Conferences, Training, Etc.

Jan. 19 — Awareness and Response to Biological Events, Western Kentucky (Paducah), Ashland, Owensboro, Elizabethtown and Gateway (Florence) Community and Technical Colleges (Robyn Phillips, 1.888.248.9438 or rphillips@centertech.com)

Feb. 24-26 — Green River Firefighters Association Officers School, Lexington (Jimmy Vancleve, 1.888.306.8015, jimmy.vancleve@kctcs.edu, www.sftarea3.org)



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Shelby Lawson, KOHS deputy executive director of operations, at Shelby.Lawson@ky.gov.



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FBI Releases 2010 Hate Crimes Report

Intimidation...vandalism... assault...rape...murder. These are crimes by anyone's definition. But add an element of bias against the victims—because of their race or religion, for example—and these traditional crimes become hate crimes.

And based on data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hate Crime Statistics report for 2010, the 6,624 hate crime incidents reported to the FBI by its law enforcement partners stayed consistent with the 6,604 incidents reported in 2009.

The FBI released the full report on its Website, which contains information about the types of biases that motivate hate crimes, the nature of the offenses, and some information about the victims and offenders. It also breaks down hate crimes by jurisdiction and includes data by state and by agency.

The hate crimes report is fairly reflective of the country—agencies that participated in the Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Statistics Program effort represent more than 285 million people, or 92.3 percent of the nation's population and their jurisdictions cover 49 states and the District of Columbia. Of the 14,977 agencies that submitted data, 1,949 reported that hate crime incidents had occurred in their jurisdictions.

Here are some of the report's highlights:

- Law enforcement reported 8,208 victims of hate crimes—a "victim" can be an individual, a business, an institution, or society as a whole.
- Of the 6,628 hate crime incidents reported, nearly all (6,624) involved a single bias—47.3 percent of the



single-bias incidents were motivated by race; 20 percent by religion; 19.3 by sexual orientation; 12.8 percent by an ethnicity/national origin bias; and 0.6 by physical or mental disability.

- As a result of the 2009 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crime Prevention Act, the FBI is implementing changes to collect additional data for crimes motivated by a bias against a particular gender or gender identity, as well as for hate crimes committed by or directed against juveniles.

- A reported 4,824 offenses were crimes against persons—intimidation accounted for 46.2 percent of these offenses; simple assault for 34.8 percent; and aggravated assault for 18.4 percent.

- There were 2,861 reported offenses of crimes against property—the majority (81.1 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism. Of the 6,008 known offenders, 58.6 were white and 18.4 percent were black.

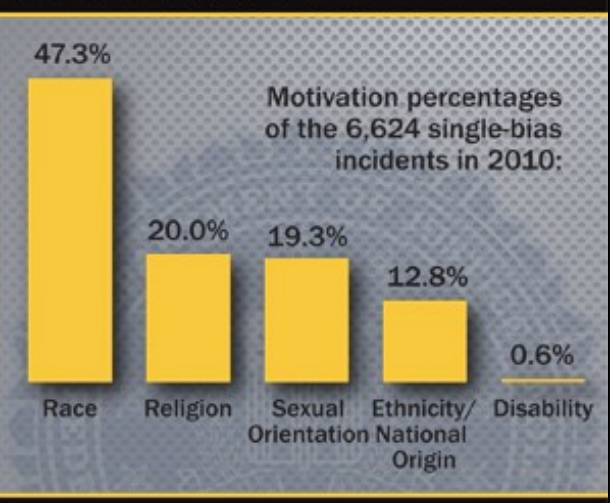
- 31.4 percent of reported hate crime incidents took place in or near homes.

The FBI takes its role in investigating hate crimes very seriously—it's the number one priority of its civil rights program.

"Almost a fourth of our 2010 civil rights caseload involved crimes motivated by a particular bias against the victim," said **Eric Thomas**, the FBI's civil rights chief in Washington, D.C., "and we frequently worked these cases with state and local law enforcement to ensure that justice was done—whether at the state level or at the federal level."

The report, and the FBI's hate

2010 Hate Crimes Behind the Bias



FBI Graphic

crime data collection effort as a whole, would not have been possible without the support of national and state criminal justice organizations and the thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide whose officers investigate, identify, and report hate crimes to us.

The full report can be read at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/hate-crime/2010>.

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comprising 25 percent of the department's civilian workforce in addition to nearly 50,000 active and reserve members of the U.S. Coast Guard. In recognition of DHS' efforts to cut costs and reinvest in mission critical operations, the department's Efficiency Review was highlighted as a model for agencies across the federal government.

Additionally, this past year DHS conducted unprecedented outreach, focusing on information sharing, promoting civil rights and civil liberties, increasing access to DHS programs, and strengthening the homeland security enterprise.

The graduation photo of the Lexington Fire Department's dive team at the conclusion of their certification training. Equipment and training for this team was provided through a 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program award. The team is available to provide assistance not only to Lexington but also to surrounding counties.



Lexington Fire Department



The Barren River Epi Rapid Response Team setting up an epidemiological surveillance/investigation during a functional exercise conducted in December at the Barren River District Health Department in Bowling Green. The exercise focused on a simulated community-based outbreak of an unknown pathogen and its spread through the population. About 40 people representing seven agencies participated in the training that was planned by the Kentucky Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program, Kentucky Department for Public Health, and Barren River District Health Department.

Sabine Gumm/KOHS

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security hosted a meeting with multiple agency representatives in December to complete Kentucky's 2011 State Preparedness Report (SPR.) The SPR is an annual self-assessment of state preparedness capabilities and is required by the Post-Katrina Emergency Reform Act of 2006.



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By the Numbers

Six Months After April 2011 Tornadoes and Severe Storms in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee



- NOAA's National Weather Service ranks April 2011 as the most active tornado month on record with 750 tornadoes across the United States. There were a reported 361 fatalities.
- The April 27 "Super Outbreak" spawned four intensely destructive EF-5 and 11 EF-4 tornadoes across Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.
- These storms launched an immediate response from the whole community, which included local,

state, and federal agencies, voluntary, faith-based and community groups, the private sector and the public.

- To coordinate the needs of survivors on behalf of the entire emergency management team, FEMA received disaster registrations from more than 119,000 individuals and families in five states.
- Nearly \$257 million in federal disaster assistance was distributed to survivors in the form of grants and low-interest recovery loans, as of Oct. 20.
- FEMA obligated nearly \$211 million in federal aid to local and state government and non-profit agencies to reimburse costs for public recovery and rebuilding projects such as debris removal and repairs to public facilities.
- FEMA provided more than \$254 million in direct federal assistance through mission assignments to other federal agencies for other essential commodities, emergency work and debris removal.
- Because of the April 2011 disasters, more than \$115 million in federal funds was set aside for local and state projects designed to save lives, protect property and save money for all in the long run. Projects include safe rooms, flood-prevention measures and building retrofits.
- \$19.5 million – Total federal disaster assistance provided to Mississippians in the form of disaster grants and low-interest loans.
- 7,776 – Individuals and families who registered with FEMA for federal assistance.
- \$10.1 million – Grants provided to help survivors find temporary housing, make basic repairs and replace essential personal property.
- Of this, more than \$8.5 million provided for housing assistance.
- Nearly \$1.6 million distributed for other serious disaster-related needs.
- \$37 million – Local, state and federal eligible funds necessary to complete more than 600 recovery projects and repair infrastructure through FEMA's cost-share Public Assistance program.
- \$8.9 million – The amount of federal funds available to Mississippi for hazard mitigation projects designed to save lives, property and money during a future disaster.
- More than \$9.4 million – The amount of SBA disaster loan approvals for uninsured losses sustained by homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes.
- 29 counties declared for Individual Assistance.
- 36 counties declared for Public Assistance.

eWarrants System Expanded to 115 Counties in 2011

The electronic warrant management system, also known as eWarrants, reached 115 counties by the end of 2011.

Madison and Laurel were among the counties added to the list in November and December.

"eWarrants will provide us with an effective and efficient way to ensure that warrants are served in a timely manner and that our community is protected," said Judge **Jean Logue**, 25th Judicial Circuit, Division II, in Madison County.

The project, led by KOHS and the Attorney General's Office, is expected to be completed by the end of March.

In addition to KOHS and AOG, training and support are provided by the Kentucky State Police and Open Portals Inc. Chief Information Officer **Mary Halmhuber** oversees homeland security's effort.



Mary Halmhuber

"I've been doing this for 22 years and this will be the first time everybody involved in the judicial process will be reading off the same page," said Knox County Attorney **Charles Dixon**. "We're totally paperless from a criminal standpoint in Knox County."

Service rates for warrants rise from as low as 10 percent under the old system to roughly 50 percent immediately after implementation of eWarrants, and as high as 80 percent in the long term. More than 650,000 warrants/summons have been entered into the eWarrant system.

The eWarrant system began in 2005 to address a backlog of nearly 300,000 unserved warrants in the state.